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YOU MAY TELL FOREIGN MINISTER THAT WHILE WE MAY AT SOME POINT (E.G., IN CONNECTION WITH KOREA QUESTION IN UNGA) WANT TO SAY SOMETHING TO PRC ABOUT KOREA, THERE HAS BEEN NO EFFECTIVE CHANNEL ESTABLISHED TO NORTH KOREA THROUGH PRC. DURING LAST CONVERSATION WITH CHINESE HERE IMMEDIATELY AFTER AUGUST 18 INCIDENT, WE MENTIONED OUR OUTRAGE BUT PRC REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNINSTRUCTED AND AS USUAL SAID NOTHING OF INTEREST. WHATEVER PRC SAID OR DID TO NORTH KOREA WITH REGARD TO THE INCIDENT HAS NOT AND WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE MADE KNOWN DIRECTLY TO US, BUT THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL AND WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE. AT THIS POINT PRC GIVES NO SIGN WHATSOEVER OF WANTING TO DISCUSS KOREA WITH US IN ANYTHING BUT MOST GENERAL AND STANDARD TERMS. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST

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WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP ROKG INFORMED OF ANYTHING OF SUB-

STANCE REGARDING KOREA THAT OCCURS IN ANY US-PRC DISCUSSION.
IF YOU THINK IT NECESSARY TO ALLAY CONCERNS, YOU SHOULD
ALSO SAY THAT WE ARE NOT TRYING TO HAVE ANY DIRECT CONTACT
WITH NORTH KOREA. KISSINGER

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